Resolution No. USET 99:04

JENA BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS INITIAL RESERVATION

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising twenty-three (23) federally recognized tribes; and

WHEREAS, the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians is a member tribe of the United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians is a small federally recognized tribe in central Louisiana having only a one acre cemetery and a 2 1/2 acre site with a small building, no reservation and no trust property; and

WHEREAS, the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, has few assets in which to acquire land for their Initial Reservation on which they may exercise their full governmental authority; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors does hereby support the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians in their efforts to establish their Initial Reservation; and be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors also requests that appropriate federal governmental agencies and political leaders assist the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians in acquiring sufficient land on which they may exercise their full sovereign authority and rights.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, February 4, 1999.

Keller George, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Beverly Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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